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Re Application of:

GLITTENBERG et al.

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RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this response, the attached Declaration, and grant the concurrent petition for an extension of time.

Please reconsider and withdraw the rejections of record.

The attached Declaration supplies evidence showing the present inventions were conceived before April 20, 1999, and that there was reasonable diligence therefrom until a reduction to practice was accomplished.

Therefore even if the cited U.S. Patent No. 6,413,372 might have a single cited Example with an "effective filing date ... being 20 April 1999," clearly it would still not be prior art against the present invention.

If the Examiner has any questions, or requests further information or clarification, please contact the undersigned. Otherwise, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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